

Reference: 3/PPDT/T42

1. BOMBING AND AIR-RAID SHELTERS IN LONDON
2. DICK'S VISIT TO NORTHOLT AERODROME
3. REPORTS FROM THE FRIENDS
4. REPORT FROM SOVIET AMBASSADOR'S DEPUTY

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W [DZHCN][1].

I was in the CITY yesterday. A large number of roads are closed up garbled] fires continue [to burn][a]. There are many blitzed houses Y ROAD, OLD STREET and HOLBORN. Bombs have demolished houses next to r Ministry. Traffic and the Underground have been partly disrupted.

In the evenings I have seen many people standing around good rs waiting for them to be opened, since they are opened only if there alert. Now the people quickly take refuge in a shelter, which was not se previously.

I was on NORTHOLT Aerodrome during an alert; fighters are located (as I reported earlier [ii]). After the alert a squadron of ANES took about 15 minutes to take off and form up, after which they ff to LONDON in open formation. About three or four squadrons remained . The pilots sat in and beside their aircraft - the engines were not E.

The British FRIENDS [DEUZYa][iii] have reported that warships .A. guns have been stationed in the THAMES near the docks, which has ppened before. They have also reported that during a visit by ILL to the EAST END (which has suffered badly from the SAUSAGE-DEALERS' BNIKI][iv] bombing) the person in charge [1 group unidentified] suggested latter that he should drive off quickly because of the throng of s [1 group garbled] to take the law into their own hands with ILL.

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The deputy to the MASTER of the METRO [KHOZYAIN METRO][v] has reported that parts of the VICKERS Aircraft Factory at WYTHRIDGE have been molished by the SAUSAGE-DEALERS.

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es: [a] Inserted by translator.

[b] "The aerodrome" has obviously been omitted here,

sents: [i] JOHN: Unidentified MOSCOW addressee 6th July 1940 - 16th September 1940.

[ii] See LONDON's No. 943 of 26th August 1940 for the previous visit to NORTHOLT Aerodrome.

✓[iii] FRIENDS: members of the Communist Party.

✓[iv] SAUSAGE-DEALERS: the Germans.

✓[v] MASTER of the METRO: the Soviet Ambassador.

[vi] DICK: Covername of unidentified LONDON signatory and addressee between 6th July 1940 and 11th October 1940.